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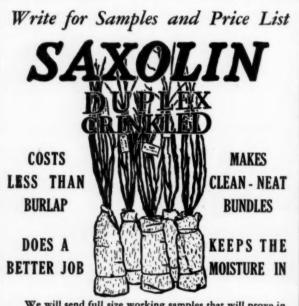
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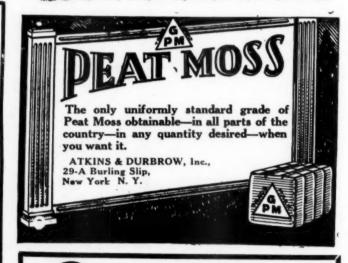
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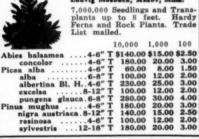
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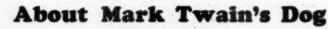
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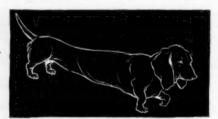
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3. In the third place, I haven't

3. In the third place, I haven't any dog anyway.

I overheard Mark tell that down at Bermuda the winter before he died. At first thought, it doesn't seem to have anything at all to do with the nursery business. But when you come to think it over, it does. Does, because a lot of things are laid at some nurseryman's door, that don't belong there at all.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., APRIL 1, 1931

### Special Seasonal Crop and Market Reports

Central-Western Trade Conditions Reported More Active Than in Majority of Other Sections-Surplus Apparently To Be Less in Immediate Future

#### The Most Serious Thing

Shenandoah, Ia., March 17-Our trade this spring has fallen off considerably from last year and prices are lower. The prospect for the future is not very bright; but our judgment is that if general business conditions improve, there will be a better demand for Nursery stock.

There is not going to be the surplus fall 1931 and spring 1932 that there is this spring.

The most serious thing though as we see it is the fact that a great many firms and individuals that have always been good pay in the past are paying no attention to meeting their bills promptly. This is a dangerous situation and one that works a great hardship on the seller.

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#### Not Quite a Normal Spring

Lexington, Ky., March 16-The outlook is that we will not have quite a normal spring. There is no doubt, whatever, that the interest in planting is on the increase; but people in agricultural communities simply do not have the money.

Owing to drought losses, replacements will be heavier than usual. We probably will have more customers, but not as much volume as in former years.

The outlook for a long term pull in Nursery stock is very good. Price cutting is taking considerable profit out of the business

Perennials and roses are selling well; shade trees, limited demand; retail evergreen demand, fairly good; shrubs, fair and fruit trees better than expected.

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#### Looks Better Than Last Spring

Bridgeport, Ind., March 16-Business was getting quite active a week ago, but since that time we have had some regular winter weather which has slowed things up considerably.

The most active demand seems to be for shade and apple trees. We have had a good shade business and looks as if we might sell all our surplus apple. Peach are also in good demand. Other items are in fair demand. We look for spring business to be a little better than last spring.

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#### Good Volume But Low Prices

Shenandoah, Ia., March 21-We are having a fairly good trade in fruits, ornamental shrubs, vines, roses, perennials and ever-This class of stock seems to be moving in very good volume although at low prices. There is a very noticeable falling off in demand for the more common varieties of large shade trees such as elm, Silver maple, poplars. The lack of demand for this class of shade trees is, no doubt, due to the slump in the real estate development and real estate sales around the large cities where this class of stock is used in quantity

Weather conditions have been very favorable for digging and handling Nursery stock, also for early planting. We have had no frost of any consequence during the winter months, very little snow, although have sufficient moisture for present needs.

MOUNT ARBOR NURSERIES E. S. Welch, President

Far Ahead of Expectations Little Silver, N. J., March 19—Our trade business for spring 1931 is running far ahead of our expectations; in fact, we now have about all the trade business that we can properly handle. We are also glad to report that contracts closed the past few weeks call for approximately half the hedge plants that we will have available for shipment fall 1931-spring 1932.

Certainly the Nursery business is not feeling the so-called depression in anything like so serious a way as most other industries.

L. C. LOVETT

### Improved Condition in West

City, N. D., March 16-We are very pleased to report that there is an improved condition among the buyers of Nursery stock. We have found the past two weeks that orders are more readily given. The business coming to us confirms the common opinion that there is an upward turn in business. We are moving forward rather confident that this improved tone will continue throughout the spring sales. The orders coming to our desk this Monday morning on March 16th, constitute the best week's report we have had since the first of the year.

NORTHWEST NURSERY CO. E. C. Hilborn, Gen. Manager

Propagating building of Texas Nursery Co., Sherman, Tex., was destroyed by fire last month; \$25,000.

### Sales Running 75% of 1930

Madison, Wis., March 18-In Wisconsin we have experienced a very mild winter. Old settlers state that it is the mildest winter that we have had in over fifty years. The frost is practically out of the ground at this date. Nursery stock appears to have come through the winter in good condition.

Retail Sales-Retail sales through agents are about 75% to 80% of the corresponding period a year ago.

Wholesale Sales - Landscape gardeners and dealers are not demanding the usual amount of planting stock; however, wholesale inquiries have increased during the past month and with the reduction in prices it appears as though the sales will run about 75% in volume compared with a year ago.

Surplus Stock-Large stock seems to be pretty well cleaned up, while there appears to be a considerable surplus in the smaller grades of all ornamental stock. Fruit trees are not in active demand; nevertheless, the market seems to be better than it was in late fall.

> McKAY NURSERY COMPANY W. G. McKay, President

#### **Drought Effects Noted**

Arlington, Neb., March 18-Business is rather slow in this section. Prices of farm products are so slow that a damper has been placed on buying. There seems to be a surplus of stock in most lines, especially fruit stocks.

The injurious effects of last summer's extreme heat and drouth and the dry winter conditions are becoming apparent on quite a lot of young stock in the field. On this account it is probable that another season may not show the surpluses of this season.

MARSHALLS NURSERIES Chet G. Marshall

Most Unsatisfactory Season Sherman, Tex., March 16—The past season has been the most unsatisfactory we have ever experienced. The volume has been very much under normal, with an over supply of practically all stock; and with no basis for prices, either wholesale or retail.

TEXAS NURSERY COMPANY C. C. Mayhew, President

Illinois Nurserymen were represented at the annual Home and Garden Show of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, last month.

### Making Nursery Sales Through Summer Months

Completing the Schedule for All-the-Year Merchandising—Giving the Buyer Plants
When He Wants Them—Just How To Do It

By W. A. Natorp, Cincinnati, O., Before Illinois Nurserymen's Association

General Business Conditions including the Nursery and landscape business are changing so rapidly these last few years, that we all can gain by some inter-change of ideas.

There is no doubt that many of you have made some worth-while improvements and I sincerely hope that the few remarks I am about to make will also be of some value to you.

Planting Time—We will all remember that it was not very long ago that spring was considered the only time of the year for successful transplanting of plant material. Some time later, fall planting was also met with approval. Now, many wide-awake firms will move and transplant almost all kinds of plants at any time of the year. Such a prolonged planting season has many advantages including a more steady employment of help, better distribution of overhead, additional business transacted and profit gained.

Buying Plants in Summer—Some of you have probably had customers wishing to purchase plants during their blooming period. For instance, Spirea, Forsythia, Roses and many other plants which are so hard for the garden lover to resist, especially while they are in bloom. If those folks are told that they must wait several months until spring or fall, they may lose interest and buy a new automobile or probably more stock or take a trip around the world instead. Consequently, a good sale is lost.

Late Buying—How many of us, for instance, have put off a shopping trip until the last minute, only to be told the certain article we wanted was not to be had, say, for a few weeks or longer. Usually, we buy something else, but are never satisfied. You see, the same holds true to Nursery stock.

Give Buyer Plants When He Wants Them—If in June, July or August, a client wishes a certain plant, a garden made, or a large shade tree in full leaf planted, we are prepared to serve him immediately. We do not take the chance of losing a scale by asking the willing purchaser to wait until fall.

Old Time Nurseryman—Many years ago, there were Nurserymen and plantsmen who said this could not be done. Even now, there are some who think it impossible. However, I am speaking from experience and I know what can be done.

First July Planting-For instance, sometime ago, we had a large contract for planting, surrounding a new residence which was just being completed. The Nursery stock was ordered and we began planting the boundaries, when some changes in the house plans prevented our finishing the majority of the plantings. Having all the plants on hand and there being several thousand dollars involved, we naturally were very anxious to complete our part of the work. So, the shrubs, evergreens and trees were heeled in, somewhat far apart, right on the property. The changes on the residence were not finished until mid-summer and I distinctly remember how we planted the remainder of this stock during the first weeks in July when the temperature was between

90 and 95 degrees. The plants were handled quickly and to our great surprise, the planting made a good showing, in fact, the following year it could not be distinguished from the stock planted in the early spring.

Many Similar Experiences—We have had many similar experiences which encouraged us to extend our planting season. Now, we will plant most any stock at any time of the year.

Amount of Summer Business—Our business during the four summer months exceeds that of the two short spring months. We have found that especially large shade trees in leaf are moved more easily than when they are dormant.

Getting Ready in Spring—In early spring, we estimate the amount of plant material needed until July. The plants are heeled in, upright and somewhat far apart. Certain types of plants, those which are diffcult to move, such as lombardy poplars, flowering crabs and small shade trees are dug B&B. Other plants, such as the many kinds of perennials, ramblers, hybrid tea and bush roses, all varieties of climbing vines, buddleias, cotoneaster and azalea are planted in pots. Then placed in frames ready for sale. We usually do this on rainy days during the early spring season.

All evergreens are dug B&B and heeled in.

Heeling In—For some years, our loss on B&B stock was quite large. Our heeling in space was limited and by heeling in plants in all kinds of weather, the ground became very lumpy. For this kind of plant material, we have found the following treatment to be very practical:

We use 2" planks, 1 ft. high and construct bins any size desired and fill same with peat moss. Through this method, the heeling in and taking out process is made a great deal easier and quicker. Also, the even moisture of peat moss will keep plants in first class condition without much watering. Even during last summer, when the weather was so intensely hot and dry, our plants in these bins, held up first class.

Cost of Bins—While making and preparing these bins may seem a little costly, we are quite sure that the first year's use of these will pay for this construction.

Late Summer Planting—The method just mentioned, we find practical until July. After that time, the plant growth in the field has sufficiently hardened, so that all plants may be dug B&B and used for late summer plantings. These plants, however, must be handled very quickly, especially during the hot weather. We usually dig in the morning and plant the same day.

Growing Plants in Nursery—Also, to carry this out successfully, it is necessary that the shrubs and all planting material be growing farther apart in the Nursery and they must be frequently transplanted to make a fibrous root system.

Added Cost of Planting and Loss—Of course, the cost of handling plants in this manner is a little greater, but people more willingly pay the better prices for shrubs in leaf. Our losses are no larger than the average.

Plant Locally—Plantings such as I have referred to can be planted locally only, within trucking area of about 150 miles.

Value of Extending Planting Season—As mentioned before, this prolonged planting season is a big factor in steady employment and there is a great need today for better experienced plantsmen, especially in the landscape business. It is not easy to induce good men to enter a seasonable business and since labor cost is one of the most important items, experienced men will carry out work at a greater saving, as we all know.

What Is the Biggest Need of the Nursery Industry Today?-My thought on this important question is a greater need of more men with selling knowledge to the ultimate customer. There are many Nursery salesmen, as you can all see at this convention, who sell Nursery stock to their fellow Nurserymen, but not to the final buyer of plants. If more of these high type men with their knowledge of plants and business training could be available for the retail trade, general Nursery business would show a big increase. This means, men who not only sell Spirea, Barberry and Hedge plants but men who san sell prospective clients a picture of his home surroundings and consequently more and better plants.

Outlet Through Landscape Planter—It is my strong belief that the most logical outlet for the majority of Nursery stock should be and will be through the landscape planter. Landscape planting such as is being done today in most of our cities and towns is still in its infancy, and many plantsmen are afraid to ask the price for good plantings.

Extra Price for Planting—Good business commands that both the buyer and seller make a profit. The buyer in many cases not being acquainted with Nursery stock, expects and is rightly entitled to some after-service. In figuring the price of a planting, it is well to take this into consideration.

Business Men in Other Lines—Many good business men in other lines found this out long ago. In buying automobiles, cash registers, carpet sweepers, typewriters or many other articles, one expects to get service.

Experience with Customer—I believe it is a gift rather than a study in a salesman to be able to size up his prospective customer correctly. Permit me to illustrate one particular business transaction. Some of you, no doubt, have had similar erperiences.

One afternoon late in fall, a gentleman came to our retail Nursery, selected several large specimen plants and requested that someone stop at his place to show him where these plants might best be planted. Several days later I happened to be in the neighborhood and stopped to see him.

Expensive Residence—This man had just completed building a very expensive home. The foundation planting had already been taken care of consisting of two or three rows of small inexpensive evergreens.

Owner Pleased—The owner was very proud of this planting and seemed entirely satisfied. He asked my opinion about it.

Selling Better Planting—I figured it was a case of either selling this man real planting

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### Highways Awaiting the "Builders of Beauty"

Yet State Authorities Are Advertising the Advantages of Roadside Planting Which Commercial Nurserymen Should Be Supplying-Cases In Point

The state forestry departments are beating the Nurserymen to it.

They are announcing through newspapers in effect advertising-that they will supply trees and planting service to improve the highways by roadside tree planting, for the purpose of eliminating disfiguring signs and providing decorative effect.

The commercial Nurserymen of the country advertise that they are Builders of Peauty: that their industry is founded upon the fact that they produce decorative effects. While so doing-and nothing more so far as highway beautification is concernedthey see announcements such as follows herewith, by the state forester of Maryland -and still leave the field to the state foresters.

At the same time, in convention sessions. in communications to the trade, press and in conversation and correspondence they complain of the violation of ethics embodied in state Nursery tree planting of the road-sides! While they are complaining, without action the Maryland state forester improves the opportunity to advertise:

The chief virtue of disfiguring roadside signs—billboards, etc.—is the fact that they can be seen for considerable distances and the approaching motorist is allowed ample time to dispose the fact that lowed ample time to digest the fact that some rattlesnake tonic will cure his ills. The trees which the forestry department offers, upon certain conditions, not only would break up long vistas so motorists could not read advertisements as they pass, but also would provide a decorative effect, the forester added.
The department offers white and green

ash, black walnut, tulip poplar, honey lo-cust, sweet gum, and cypress plantings. Applicants must pay transportation charges, furnish labor for planting and give reasonable assurance the trees will be cared for afterward.

If the assurances by leading Nurserymen who have given special consideration to the subject and who declare that a saving in cost to taxpayers of a state can be effected by procuring from commercial Nurserymen at quantity prices trees for highway planting are based on facts, why do we not see commercial Nursery advertisements along

#### NOTICE

To state governors and their staffs, state legislators, highway officials and all THE SCENIC NURSERY

Offers to supply and plant (or cooperate with highway commissioners in planting suitable trees—Commercial NURSERY GROWN—along the highways at any and all points in this state, in accordance with specifications by state authorities, at prices and with results to prove that the commercial Nurseries constitute the logical, economical source for procuring such ees and planting service.

An opportunity to submit a definite

proposition is respectfully solicited.

The taxpayer reading such an advertisement in his newspaper will be prone to couple it with what he knows of extravagances in state-operated undertakings; and newspaper readers in the aggregate might be inclined to take up the matter with their legislative representatives-especially if the advertisement of the "Scenic Nursery" were to make some definite comparisons as to costs based upon the statements thereon by leading Nuresrymen above referred to.

What is being done about it and where?

Readers of this journal will remember the argument based on experience by Prof. J. A. Neilson, Michigan State College, in behalf of coating Nursery trees with paraffin wax. Says C. A. Simpson, of the Simpson Nursery Co., Monticello, Fla.:

"We are now dipping all our pecan trees in a special preparation of paraffin wax we call 'Livwell'. As you know, it has recently been discovered that a tree so treated will be almost sure to live, and will grow off better the following spring. We try to give our customers the advantage of the latest discoveries and improvements. This service is given without additional cost."

It is believed that this is the only pecan Nursery equipped to do this.

Personalizing Tree-Growing

The Living Tree Guild, New York City has been actively advertising in large space each spring in metropolitan dailies. One of its sponsors explains that it is devoted to a plan that will "personalize tree-growing."

"Primarily this plan consists of providing small trees of such hardy variety and at such low cost that anyone can afford to get them and will be able to grow them. Instructions for their care and suggestions as to their many uses are sent with each package of trees.

"This guild differs from other organizations distributing trees and plants to the tree-loving person-it insures the life of every tree and plant it sends out so that the individual who is interested enough to try is assured of success.

"It is not intended that it shall compete with the decorative planting stock of Nurseries, but that the trees it recommends shall afford people a method of learning the fascination of growing trees, at the same time allowing them to make a good investment, which increases rapidly in value each

"The guild plan has been in operation for six years, during which time 65,000 persons, from all over the United States, have obtained trees and plants. It is contributing a tremendous influence toward interesting a large number of people in the problems of reforestation and beautification of homes."

E can gain the confidence of Wour competitors if we deal fairly with them and give all that we expect to receive. It is mighty fine to feel that your competitor believes you when you make a declaration; and likewise to feel that you can take a competitor's word at one hundred cents on the dollar."-William Feather

Fire last month destroyed the storage building of Elmer Brothers Nursery, San Jose, Cal.

or insulting him. I admired his house for its beauty and well proportioned architectural features and explained to him that such type of house required an altogether different type of landscape treatment. While the plants that he had planted were very nice, it was really nothing more than a foundation planting for some small cottage. To make a long story short, we removed the existing planting having cost about \$250.00 and sold him a landscape layout costing several thousand dollars. Now this man had been entirely satisfied with his former planting not knowing any batter. Fortunately for us, he was easily convinced.

Good Planting Will Help Everybody-By doing this planting which was really in harmony with the house, it not only sold more Nursery stock but also encouraged better and more planting for many of his neigh-

in Closing-I hope these few remarks may be of some help to you. We all have a lot to learn and are compelled to change our methods from time to time if we want to stay on top.

Violation of Ethics Is a Losing Proposition By F. W. Kelsey Nursery Co., Frederick W. Kelsey, President

The recent address of Mayor A. C. Hanson, Wanwatosa, Wis., before the Wisconsin Nurserymen's Association "What is the Matter in the Retail Nursery Business' [American Nurseryman, Mch. 15, p. 119] may well receive the attention of every Nurservman, distributor of Nursery products. florist and others engaged in the industry all over the country.

The key note of the address is the "invasion by wholesalers" to those not entitled to wholesale prices, in violation of the ethics in this as in every other business that sooner or later is a losing proposition to all concerned.

In prosperous times the present policy of the grower for himself "and the devil take the hindermost" is kept within more reasonbounds. But when a wave of depression many cases, not only at cut rates but to cut out everyone, even fellow Nurserymen, all of whom purchase of other growers more or less of the stock they require for orders from season to season.

Wholesale unfair competition (Samsonlike) pulls down the financial temple which in times of prosperity or adversity, in Nursery affairs as in other fields of effort, supports the business of the country.

In striking contrast are the methods of so many of the large industrial corporations grown to unprecedented success for the reason that the reverse policy has been carried out-such companies as General Motors, General Electric Company, American Smelting and Refining Company and hundreds of others, larger and smaller corporations, whose policy protects the trade, continuously expanding the business accordingly.

How long would any of these successful companies remain in the lead should they destroy the support of their armies of retailers and distributers in all branches of the business?

This is assuredly a question that should now receive immediate attention and prompt correction: This to the advantage and profit of all in the Nursery Trade.

### AMERICAN NURSERYMAN American Nursery Trade Bulletin



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### FOUNDER OF AMERICAN NURSERY

THE FIRST Nursery trade paper in America was established in 1898, as long-time Nursery concerns know, and for nearly thirteen years was conducted under the personal and exclusive direction of Raipt T. Oleott, of Rochester, N. Y., who later founded the AMERICAN NURSERYMAN on broad and untrammeled lines.

"The dean of Nursery Trade Journal-ists."-John Watson.

#### A Policy Roundly Echoed

"Cultivated Americans, impatient with cheap sensationalism and windy bias, turn increasingly to publications edited in the historical spirit. These publications, fair-dealing, vigorously impartial, devote themselves to the public weal in the sense that they report what they see, serve no masters, fear no groups."—Time Maga-

#### Sound Distribution

"Distribution has been stressed, perhaps correctly, by executives, organizations and business analysts as the present main problem of industry. Nevertheless, I am of the opinion that there can be no sound distribution that is not based on sound production.

"To find and serve a market is to presuppose a capacity to produce economically, wastelessly. Buyers economically, wastelessly. have a way of seeking out the producer who best serves them at the factory."-Charles Ault, Auburn, Me.

#### BOUGHT ON MERIT

The circulation of the "American Nurse man" is bought by readers solely on editoiral merit. It is never sold through schemes. Cut rates, "clubbing," premiums and deferred payments are not used. It carries no sub-cription in arrears.

### The Mirror of the Trade

#### AUTOMATIC TRADE PUBLICITY

Gardening articles blossomed out in the pages of dailies all over the country last month in advance even of the earliest crocus. Particularly do the Sunday newspapers in special sections feature matter in which thousands of readers take unusual interest at this season. And publishers provide this publicity without solicitation.

The increased extent to which this practice has grown is due without doubt to the established work of the Nurserymen's National Publicity Campaign. It is one of the strongest evidences of the efficacy of the Campaign. It illustrates strikingly the fact that a great part of the reward for trade effort in the early stages-and, indeed, continuously-results from the cumulative automatic publicity in just this way; that is to say, arises from reader demand. It is so with horticultural shows, yard and garden contests, the force of example in neighborhood plantings, etc.

A movement of this kind, once widely established, is irresistible in its progress.

The success of the undertaking should enlist the hearty support of the trade throughout the country. It would seem that the Campaign had proved its value as a straightout business proposition as definite in its results and as profitable in proportion to the comparatively small amounts invested as is any business proposition. As much or more money than is required for Campaign Fund management is often expended in individual advertising undertakings with much less evi-

S. Arai, proprietor of the Japanese Nursery. Genoa, Tex., now maintains a Galveston office and sales depot. He has been specializing in moving trees of large size. Recently several dozen large live oaks, varying in height from 15 to 25 feet, were transplanted from the Nursery at Genoa to the yard of the J. H. Langben home.

It was the problem arising in cases of this kind that caused Arai to design an ingenious mechanical contrivance with which he can easily move any size tree with a minimum amount of labor.

Upon the flat bed of a five-ton truck, ordinarily used for hauling at the Nursery, he built a skeleton framework of steel, approximately ten feet high in the center.

This framework supports a horizontal beam along which a traveling chain-block can be rolled from the front to beyond the rear of the truck's bed.

By means of the chain-block, the roots and heavy trunk of a tree can be raised from the ground to a level above that of the truck's bed and then rolled forward along the beam. For unloading the process is reversed. Only two men are required to load a tree, one to manipulate the chains of the hoist and the other to direct the top of the

The amount of labor saved is not the only item. Time is saved as well.

#### EXEMPTING SMALL NURSERYMEN

California Nurserymen have several things to consider besides quarantines, as is evidenced by an article in the Western Florist and Nurseryman by James W. Robinson, San Pablo, Cal., Nursery.

The California Nursery License Law has this provision:

"A grower not regularly engaged in the Nursery business shall not be required to pay the above mentioned fee, if his sales do not exceed the sum of \$100 in value. any one fiscal year, and provided that all plants sold by him shall be sold for planting within the county where grown, are of his own production, and that he shall first report to the county horticultural commissioner his intention to make such sales."

"About 200 growers are listed as exempt-

ed in the 1929-1930 Directory of California Nurserymen," says Mr. Robinson. doubtedly there are others who fail to report, and who simply can not be weeded out, since a state inspector can't be expected to catch every sale in small amounts by a small grower. It's the old democratic principle of the greatest good of the greatest number that comes into play here. Undoubtedly, some hardship will be worked on small, individual growers who keep going, hoping eventually to run a sideline into a business. Their cost of production may be higher than the wholesale grower's, but they're able to sell cheaper than he can. They have another means of support-and meanwhile knock the props out from under the man who makes growing his business and his livelihood."

#### FOR AND AGAINST BEAUTY

In a recent address Martin L. Davey, Kent, O., cited Boston Herald denunciation of the action by authorities in Massachusetts which resulted in destruction of roadside trees and shrubs by groups of men employed in "cleaning up" the roadsides (in a misdirected endeavor to provide occupation for the unemployed). "The damage that has been done is really terrible," said Mr. Davey. "Trees that it has taken one or two generations to produce have been ruined and others have been so severely damaged that it may be impossible to save them."

And this at a time when far-seeing persons are endeavoring to enhance the beauty of the roadsides.

### A Propagator's Hobby

The highly interesting nut experiment station maintained for years by Secretary Willard G. Bixby, on seven acres in Baldwin, Nassau County, N. Y., for testing development of nut trees is to be inspected by federal government experts who seek to know what has been done in this direction in the 15 years Mr. Bixby has been experimenting. Between 300 and 400 nut trees in wide variety are being grown there.

Mr. Bixby, retiring from the manufacture of shoe polish, started the farm as a hobby. Today he has more than 100 varieties each of black walnuts and hickory nuts, 20 pecan varieties, 15 butternut, 10 Japanese walnut, and many oddities. He's still experimenting with the view of aiding commercial nut growing.

Betterment of size, kernel and cracking quality are his aims. He is a native of Salem, Mass., and a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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### THE ROUND TABLE

Comment and Suggestion
By Readers For the
PROGRESS OF THE INDUSTRY



#### J. Horace McFarland Reports on Plant Names and Patents

Much progress has occurred since the last meeting of the Society in relation to nomenclature and plant registration. This program has not been in the direction of revolutionary suggestions, but in the estimation of the importance of the subject manifested on every hand. It does seem now that tradesmen and scientists alike are beginning to feel the desirability of one name for each plant, made plain to all.

There is not as yet, however, the harmony between the practical horticulturist and the scientific botanist which it is hoped may eventually come about. The botanist, who is continually searching for new facts about plants that are well known, yet insists that any information he digs up which would warrant the change of name of the plant in question can be applied so that the defenceless object is hung up with a new handle without warning or recourse.

The working horticulturist and those who deal with horticultural literature on the other hand, are anxious to avoid aliases. The plant is far more important to them than its name or the priority of its name or the terminology of its name. They are, generally speaking, relatively satisfied with the terminology provided by "Standardized Plant Names," which during the past year has further grown in usefulness and adoption.

Probably the solution of the problem, if there is a possible solution, lies in a clear understanding that for commercial purposes, for literature and the garden intercourse related to plants, the terminology of "Standardized Plant Names" will not be disturbed, while the botanist, for his own records, can of course carry on his investigations. The changes he proposes, however, should be reported as scientific advances, and not be permitted to break into trade relations, social relations and the current publications upon which further plant prosperity so largely depends.

The Society of American Florists has to its credit a continuous participation for many years in the support of the enterprise which resulted in "Standardized Plant Names." It is with great pleasure, therefore, that there is now reported the fact that the optomorphic is fine really "out of the red".

But the necessary revision of that great work, which should occur within the next three to five years, will need to be provided for, and while no immediate appropriation is suggested, it is insisted that, continuing its previous excellent work the Society, keep in mind the necessity for support when a revision shall be undertaken.

No mechanism of satisfactory character seems to be in sight for the registration of plants, save with respect to the rose. The American Rose Society has provided a complete and workable mechanism whereby it takes into account every new rose originated anywhere in the world. Its monumental publication, "Modern Roses," with descriptions of 2511 roses now in world commerce, supplies an impartial authority. As this is supplemented by similar descriptions recorded each year in the "American Rose Annual," and as the authorities of the American Rose Society attempt to control names of American roses so that duplication and lack of euphony shall be avoided, the situation in that respect is measurably satisfactory.

The protection of brain property in plants aimed at by the much hailed Plant Patent Act, relates approximately to the subject of nomenclature handled by the Society's Committee. It is proper to state that with some 30 or more applications for plant patents, none had yet been granted, this information coming from the Chief Clerk of the Patent Office on March 2.

There is the complete desire on the part of the authorities to make the Patent Law available, but these same authorities have been faced with almost insuperable difficulties in so handling the subject under a law which lacks much in its proper terms that they are as yet unable to proceed with any certainty. A recent announcement that a certain new rose offered in Chicago was patented and was the first rose patented, is not in accord with the facts.



The Dahlia: By Lawrence K. Peacock. Sixth and revised edition to conform to changed conditions. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 124; illustrated. Postpaid \$1.25. Rochester, N. Y.: American Fruits Pubg. Co.

When the first edition appeared in 1895, it was predicted by the author that the ease of cultivation, wonderful coloring and all around possibilities would make the dahlia the universal flower of the people. Its popularity is well known. In size it varies from the little pompon to decorative varieties a foot in diameter. Great variation in colors is a distinctive feature. Dahlia societies and shows are increasingly popular. This book is timely and should be in great demand. It discusses classification, propagation, garden cultivation, new varieties, harvesting and storing of roots, dahlia exhibitions, the American Dahlia Society.

Azaleas and Camellias: By H. Harold Hume, botanist of note and a grower of these plants. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 90, illustrated. Postpaid, \$1.50. Rochester, N. Y.: American Fruits Pubg. Co.

The title is sufficient to elicit special interest. Until now little information on varieties, care and culture of these plants has been available to amateur gardeners. Azaleas of one group or another may be cultivated out of doors over most of the United States. They are among the most beautiful of garden plants. Camellias, though suited to outdoor culture only in the warmer regions, are coming back into use for indoor culture in the North.

This is the first book for the amateur on these plants. They are referred to by the author as out-of-the-ordinary plants which give unusual garden beauty. Gardens containing them in a large way are immediately lifted out of the commonplace. "They take the places of good evergreens or deciduous shrubs; and in addition at certain seasons fill the garden with a glory that is unsurpassed. They grace and add to the beauty of the finest grounds. To bring them to our shores, to perfect them, to establish them has been the work of many throughout years and even centuries, says Mr. Hume.

It is the desire of the author that these plants should find a wider use in American gardens, and to further this end he has given much practical information in this book. Methods of propagation and cultivation, cultural areas, varieties and care in detail are discussed. Perusal of this book is fascinating in the account of the Chinese and Japanese importations. The Indian group of

azaleas, for instance, most widely known of azaleas, dates back to the time when all southeastern Asia was referred to as India; no azaleas are native in India. The Kurume azaleas were developed more than a century ago by a Japanese plant lover, of Kurume, Japan, Motosa Sakamato, and later by a countryman. In 1914 the late E. H. Wilson became interested in them and three years later caused an importation to be made to the U. S., following this with larger importations. The result is widely known. Especially interesting is the instruction on growing evergreen azaleas and camellias in pots and tubs as indoor plants.

### Canadian Trade Leadership

The new edition of the descriptive catalogue of hardy trees and plants for the orchard and garden issued by E. D. Smith & Sons, Ltd., Winona, Ontario, is thoroughly original in presentment of what this wellknown Canadian concern produces, with the reasons for such production. It is shown at the outset that the trees and shrubs described were all grown in the company's Nurseries at Winona and in its nearby farms, 600 acres. "We grow these varieties because we have tested them, found them hardy enough for our climate, desirable in Canadian gardens. We believe this homegrown, hardy, hard-wooded Canadian planting material to be the logical and suitable material with which to plant orchards and gardens in Canada \* \* \* Our own large commercial orchards furnish the foundation for our blocks of young Nursery trees. Growing our own trees from known and proved orchard trees, we believe we have as good and as dependable trees as can be had anywhere. As indicating our own experience with them, we mention that in season we are among the largest shippers of fresh fruit in Canada." In recent years the company has greatly enlarged its ornamental department. A feature of the catalogue which is profusely illustrated is the presentation of a series of practical landscape designs, with indication of suitable planting material

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Landscape Gardening: By O. C. Simonds. Cloth, pp. 338; illustrated. Postpaid \$2.50. Rochester, N. Y. American Fruits Pubg. Co.

An opportunity to procure this standard book at a low price compared with the former price of \$6 is afforded by the reissue by the Macmillan Company in slightly smaller form. The author has had wide experience in connection with landscape operations on a large scale and is often quoted as authority on the subject. At a moderate price his advice can now be had first-hand. The book is illustrated with photographs, charts, maps and diagrams. Appended are two papers by the late Bryan Lathrop, president of Graceland Cemetery Co., trustee of estates and of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Bulletin 113, Agl. Extension Service, Ohio State University "Ornamental Evergreens," by L. C. Chadwick, Dept. Horticulture, is a valuable handbook on the subject, practical in every feature. Within its 40 pages is the information which will answer nearly every question the planter may ask—an excellent guide for the amateur.

### No Date Extension for Cherry Stock Embargo

Is Sentiment of Nurserymen at Central Plant Board Meeting in Illinois Last Month— Plans for Domestic Production—Elm Diseases

The Central Plant Board, consisting of the quarantine officers of the north central states, met at Urbana, Ill., March 5-6. Ten of the thirteen states were represented. In addition, there were representatives from the U. S. Dept. Agriculture, the American Association of Nurserymen, and the Missouri and the Illinois State Nurserymen's Associations, also a guest from the Western Plant Board.

A resolution was passed asking the U. S. Dept. Agriculture to establish a quarantine to protect the alfalfa growing central states against the introduction of the alfalfa weevil from infested territories of the West. No formal action was taken on phony peach disease quarantine, inasmuch as the eradication program which is much more important is being carried out in most of the states with federal cooperation.

The Nurserymen present were not in favor of extension of date for placing an embargo on the entry of cherry stocks, because many Nurserymen in this country had made arrangements to supply the demand for such stocks by growing them in this country; to postpone the date and allow stocks to come in from foreign countries would be unjust to the Nurseries in this country. No formal action was taken.

Some interesting reports were received regarding elm diseases in Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin. An investigation in Illinois has just begun. The indications are that elms in Illinois are subject to a number of diseases, but no traces of the Dutch elm disease have been discovered. A report on this

disease in Ohio was made by Curtis May, representing the U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, and also by Mr. Ellenwood, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry of Ohio. Those present were pleased to learn of the efficient manner in which the Ohio authorities, with the cooperation of the Nurserymen and the Federal Bureau of Plant Industry, are handling this problem, and the comprehensive plans that are being made for further investigations for locating and eradicating other possible infestations.

Officers were reelected as follows: E. L. Chambers president; P. A. Glenn, secretary-treasurer; George A. Dean, member of National Plant Board for three years.

#### First Time in History

From Murray McNeil, vice-president Sweetwater, Tenn., Valley Nurseries we are in receipt of an announcement which seems to imply that his corporation offers to sell high grade Nursery stock under an unusually favorable plan. This is the way we read it:

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The development of beauty is probably of greatest benefit to those who produce it, because they give much of themselves to its creation and receive much in return. But it helps all those who see it, because they absorb it either consciously or instinctively.

The purpose that I have in mind now is to pay public tribute to those who are giving their lives to the various phases of horticulture. Let us consider first the Nurserymen, florists and seedsmen, without whom we would have relatively little suitable material with which to work. These men have done and are continuing to do a very great service for the nation.

It is not merely the propagation of sturdy and dependable stock for which we are indebted to them. But their skill and fine devotion to the higher purpose of their art have produced for us infinitely finer plant specimens and charming new varieties. Many of these men have a touch of genius and many are true artists. No man could accomplish any of the important things that have been done in this branch of horticulture without having in his soul a genuine love of nature and an earnest desire to produce something finer in his field of service.

Next in turn are the landscape architects who vision the finished picture and who create the design for the skillful combination of trees and plants and lawn that becomes a beautiful composition in its finished Whether the design be formal or naturalistic, it requires creative genius to conceive it and artistic temperament to produce it. Someone must dream the dream of a charming landscape development before it is possible to bring it into being and add beauty and joy to the wealth of the world. Such work requires a wide variety of knowledge of many things plus the trained ability that goes with the practical side of that profession. It requires, also, an artistic sense that places all the parts of the composition in their proper relation and produces a nicely balanced and harmonious whole.

Regular Inspection of Summer Planting
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### Nursery Trade Bulletin

J. H. Small & Sons, Washington, D. C., last month moved with special equipment a large oak tree from the Nurseries to a landscaping project.

Burr T. Belden, of Storrs & Harrison Co., Painesville, O., last month addressed the Civic Garden Club, Ashtabula, O., on "Homemade Landscaping."

After Nursery Profits—Burglars last month broke into the office of the May Nursery Co., Yakima, Wash., knocked the dial from the safe and fled. Nothing was taken.

Cincinnati Show—Formal garden exhibits by William A. Natorp and Cassanelli & Brumme and informal gardens by Wyoming Nurseries and Dixie View Nurseries featured the Cincinnati Flower Show last month.

For the Trade Only—The very first paragraph in the wholesale trade list issued by the Tingle Nursery Co., Pittsville, Md., is as follows: "Prices named in this trade list apply only to orders placed by Nurserymen, florists and dealers."

For the spring flower show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Boston, the Weston, Mass., Nurseries, Peter J. Mezitt, proprietor, arranged a rock garden display 600 feet square. At recent exhibitions the Weston rock gardens have been prize winners.

Minnesota Delegates to A. A. N. Convention—C. N. Ruedlinger and John Hawkins from the Northern Retail Nurserymen's Association and Earl G. and J. V. Kilmer from the Twin City Nurserymen's Association are delegates to the Detroit Convention of the A. A. N. in July.

500 Men Employed—March and April activities in the Nurseries of the Lake County, O., district with Painesville as the center. required the addition of 500 men. More than two hundred Nurseries comprising some 7000 acres cover approximately half of the county's cultivated area.

Landowners Have Seed Beds—"The entire stock of seedlings grown at the State Tree Nursery at Athens, Ga., except slash pine has been sold," B. M. Luffburrow, state forester says. "This amounts to nearly two million one-year old seedlings, mainly pines. Several landowners have seed beds of their own from which extensive plantings have been made."

Garden Show Exhibits—Among exhibits of note at the National Flower Show in Cincinnati last month the following attracted special attention: Gardens generally: Wyoming, O., Nurseries; W. A. Natorp Corpn., Cincinnati; W. A. Manda, South Orange, N. J. Rock gardens: Rocknoll Nurseries, Foster, O.; W. A. Natorp. Rose gardens: Hill Floral Products Co., Richmond, Ind.

Best of Assets—George W. Jones, for a quarter of a century active in the Nursery business, proprietor of the Valdesian Nursery, Bostic, N. C., in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, has proved to his constant customers over a wide territory that he is in business largely for the love of the service he has been able to give—the finest kind of asset.

Miss Tabor's Radio Talk—Secretary Robert Pyle announces that the radio address by Miss Grace Tabor, editor Woman's Home Companion, scheduled for March 26 in the series on "Roses" over WEAF has been postponed until April 30, at the scheduled period, 3-3.15 p. m. Other of the radio rose talks are: April 9, by J. H. Nicholas; April 16, by Richardson Wright; April 23, by R. Marion Hatton.

Hansen Bush Cherry—Among other important improvements of fruits sufficiently hardy for the Dakotas, made by Prof. N. E. Hansen, Brookings, S. D., is this cherry resembling a plum in size and shape developed from what was formerly the rather small little-known South Dakota Sand cherry. The fruit is of desirable taste, good habits, a wonderful bearer and beautiful in fruit, flavor and foliage.

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In the division of Nursery-grown trees the supply now includes reforestation stock, Christmas tree stock, window boxes, living trees for window boxes, potted living trees for gifts.

California Avocado Boom—J. Z. Secor, Oceanside, Cal., has about 1000 trees in his avocado Nursery. This, he explains, is a small number and he is raising them more or less to have something to do. "In this line," he says, "we start from seed and but them like lemons and oranges. There is but a single budding on each tree. The whole operation, from the time we plant the seed until the trees are big enough to transplant, takes only about 18 months.

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### Prevalent Abuse of Rebates a Trade Menace

Says E. G. Trauernicht, Fort Worth, Tex., Nurseryman Who Cites His Own and Others' Experiences-Costing Shippers Large Amounts

Discussing the subject of rebates in the Nursery business, E. C. Trauernicht, Nurseryman. Fort Worth, Tex., said at the convention of the Southwestern Nurserymen's Association:

"In order to be in a position to discuss this matter intelligently at this occasion, I have drawn on the experience of other shippers as well as our own, and it seems as if these tactics are being practiced more or less in all sections of the country. I have a letter from a shipper in Massachusetts in which he makes this statement: 'I have had my bitter experience with a great many Nurserymen of this country and with some of them I simply refuse to do business, because they make totally unjust claims. A great many Nurseries and dealers hope to get a substantial percentage of profit in the business by making claims for packing charges, plants not up to grade, etc., no matter whether it is really justified in fact or not.'

"Then another wholesale grower in California makes this statement: 'I think most of the largest and best wholesale dealers in the country make a practice of stating that all claims for damage or inferior quality, shortage, etc., should be made within five days after receipt of the goods, and this seems to me to be a fair request. Any reputable dealer is pleased indeed to make adjustment to cover reported shortages and poor condition of stock if it is reported immediately upon receipt of goods, but if nothing is said for a month or, as often happens, two or three months after the goods are received, the dealer often feels that something is being put over on him and that the claim is not a just one.'

'A wholesale grower in Tennessee goes into detail and states the plain, unvarnished facts as follows: 'Our forty-three years of experience have taught us that there are perhaps some firms of considerable note, as well as some of less prominence, that regrade, reject and refuse sufficient stock to pay the freight and handling charges. Experience has also taught us that many of those same firms honestly believe that they are getting by with the practice and that they alone know of their motive, when, as a matter of fact, their practice and habit are

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Judging from our past experience and what I can learn from the experience of others, it seems that the question of rebates is terribly abused and is costing the shippers large sums of money each season.

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J. H. Comstock, widely known pioneer Cornell University entomologist, died March 20 at his home in Ithaca, N. Y., aged 82. He joined Cornell University when it was started in 1869 later becoming the first instructor there in entomology. David Starr Jordan was in the first class. For a time he was president of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, but returned to the Cornell faculty and was retired as professor emeritus in 1914 at the age of 65. His book "A Manual For the Study of Insects," was long the leading text for Nurserymen as it was for thousands of others.

#### J. H. Skinner

Memorial Adopted by the Western Association of Nurserymen in Annual Convention

"During the past year two of our members whose faces were seldom missed at these gatherings have passed from this to that larger and fuller life towards which each and all of us are slowly, yet steadily and surely

treading our way.

"In the death of J. H. Skinner, which occurred in the family home at Topeka, Kan-sas, on July 31, 1930, the Nursery Fraternity lost one of its most loyal, respected and be-loved members. His place is vacant today, as it will be a year hence, and in the years to follow, because men such as he are sel-

dom, if ever, replaced.

He was closely identified with our Association from the time of its organization in 1891. His presence at our meetings was constant, his advice and counsel so often sought was sound and always respected. He was kindly, helpful and friendly, yet ever true to his convictions and ideals, never fail-ing or fearing to stand in defense thereof when occasion demanded. No man in his or other walks of life had a higher sense of honor—an honor which guided and governed him in his every act and word—at home, in business and in civic duties, and which brought him the confidence and respect and love of all whose privilege and fortune it was to have known him. A priceless heritage he has left his children, and to his wide circle of associates and friends an example of righteous living, the adoption of which will bring to all the reward that was his—the satisfaction and comfort of having rounded out the life of true service, and leaving enshrined in the hearts of men a most beautiful memory.'

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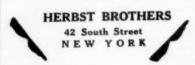
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Briefly we think the worst is behind us and better times are ahead. From the Nursery standpoint the country has been suffering not only from depression but from a tremendous over-production both in the ornamental and fruit tree lines. We believe that Nurserymen in the future will be more careful to propagate only what their sales indicate they will need, based on past records and present conditions.

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coastal lines, and transport by motor bus and truck.

The fourth competitor," Commissioner Porter adds, "is perhaps as dangerous as any one of the three because it depends on unaided efficiency to get business. That competitor is the pipe line."

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### License Fee Exemption Affects Others Adversely

Garden Club Plant Sales in Guise of Charity Is Complained Of-Unlicensed Shipments by Stores Hamper Commercial Nurserymen

Several states are considering or have acted upon legislative measures exempting from license fees Nurserymen whose business amounts only to a nominal sum. In Oregon this subject has aroused discussion in which it is shown that the rights of commercial Nurserymen may be adversely effected. A writer in the Western Florist and Nurseryman says:

I am told that in our state (Oregon) there is a movement afoot to exempt from license those selling less than \$50 worth of plants those selling less than \$50 worth of plants a year. I should not be in favor of such a move at all, as it only makes the law much harder to enforce and permits the evasion by small part-time growers who sell five times the \$50 worth of plants in direct competition with responsible growers who are complying with the law.

omplying with the law.

In a case that the writer is personally familiar with, a community having three commercial men supplying the retail trade also harbors a garden club, that holds plant and shrub sales, selling donated goods at ridiculously low figures. Note that this club has never sold inspected stock or been licensed to hold these sales. This is under the guise of charity or community unlift and censed to noid these sales. This is under the guise of charity or community uplift and betterment, yet in most cases the commun-ity would be far better off for the destruc-tion of much of the stock that is sold in this

I know the commercial men would find many more sales in the supplying of quality stock to be used where this low-grade stock is now being used. Personally I am much in favor of the educational value of the local

garden club as found in most communities. However, I do believe that these clubs are getting entirely out of their field when they offer for sale or free distribution florists and Nursery stock in competition with estab-lished commercial growers.

Another evil which the commercial man in Another evil which the commercial man in this same community must bear is the shipping in from other cities of stock by unlicensed seed stores, feed stores, variety stores, grocery stores, of plants and shrubs, which are offered in competition with the licensed commercial men of the community. This condition has been taken up with the state board, but action is not yet in evidence. Several unlicensed greenhouses, all small, but selling plants nevertheless, are also operating in the immediate vicinity.

While I like to see the other fellow's side While I like to see the other fellow's side of any question, it is no more than reasonable that he see my side also. I do believe and I think we all do that, if a Nursery license law is to be enforced in any state, it be enforced equally. While the small grower should not be compelled to pay as much in fees as the large and better-able-to-pay class, he should at least pay in proportion to his ability to pay, and he under equal tion to his ability to pay, and be under equal supervision with the large grower.

Prof. L. C. Chadwick of the Ohio State University, Columbus, has prepared in a special bulletin of 16 pages, for the Ohio Nurserymen's Association a condensed report of the highly effective short course for commercial Nurserymen recently conducted.

How To Succeed-Albert Buskirk, Independence, O., well-known Nurseryman, last month addressed the Smithville, O., Promoters Club. He said that one of the best ways to gain success is "to do the best you can with what you have where you are. If you want to know how to do anything go to the man who has made a success in that

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